



IFW

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10407/988

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert A. Luciano et al.

Serial No.: 10/619,167

Examiner: Cherubin, Yveste G.

Filed: July 11, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3713

Title: LOCKABLE SECURITY CABINET FOR CASINO GAME
CONTROLLERS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-45 have been rejected by the Examiner under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-25 of prior patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,641,483. Claims 8-14, 16-27, 29-35, 39-41, and 43-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 42-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Benore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,701,828). Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benore et al. Claim 45 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benore et al. in view of Pipe (U.S. Patent No. 5,172,967). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.